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1. IMPLICIT AGREEMENT IN NEW PARA 23 AND FOOTNOTES TO HAVE BOTH PRE-REDUCTION CONSTRAINTS AND OTHER MEASURES TO ACCOMPANY REDUCTIONS FOCUS ON NGA APPEARS ACCEPTABLE. WE READ NEW PARAGRAPH 23 AS TACTICAL FALLBACK REFLECTING INTEREST IN LEAVING OPEN WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ISSUES OF APPLICATION OF BOTH PRE-REDUCTION CONSTRAINTS AND MEASURES TO ACCOMPANY (PARA 29), WHILE ACCEPTING THAT IN FACT BOTH KINDS OF MEASURES WILL FOCUS ON CENTER REGION IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

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IF THIS UNDERSTANDING IS CLEAR AND TACTICAL SITUATION IS

SUCH THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GET AGREEMENT, YOU MAY ACCEPT NEW PARA 23 AS DRAFTED WITH FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SENTENCE: THE CONSTRAINTS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE PUT FORWARD AS APPLYING ONLY IN THE GUIDELINES AREA. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT THE US CONTINUED TO BE CONCERNED BY THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF ATTEMPTING TO APPLY CONSTRAINTS OUTSIDE THE NGA AND OUR ACCEPTANCE SHOULD NOT BE MISINTERPRETED.

2. FURTHER, YOU SHOULD:

A. RETAIN THE PHRASE "APPLICABLE IN" AND DELETE "RELATED TO".

B. ACCEPT DELETION OF THE PHRASE "TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE", ON THE RATIONALE PRESENTED BY THE ITALIANS IN PARA 6 OF REF.

C. SEEK TO RETAIN SUBPARA (III).

D. WE WOULD PREFER TO AMEND THE LAST PARAGRAPH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING (IV) AS FOLLOWS" "THE MEASURES IN SUBPARAGRAPHS I-IV ABOVE WILL FOCUS ON ACTIVITIES IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA. THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING MEASURES IN SUBPARAGRAPHS II AND IV TO FORCES IN SPECIFIED TERRITORIES OUTSIDE OF THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA IS, HOWEVER, NOT EXCLUDED. PORTER

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